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Applicant(s): Jacob Richter et al.

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**VOLUNTARY CLAIM AMENDMENTS AFTER FILING AN APPEAL  
AND PRIOR TO FILING AN APPEAL BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 41.33**

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Sir,

Applicants respectfully submit the following voluntary claim amendments in advance of an appeal brief pursuant to 37 CFR 41.33(a). Favorable entry in the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.